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SUBJ: CLERIDES-DENKTASH MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11

1. SUMMARY. UPBEAT RESULT OF SEPTEMBER 11 "HUMANITARIAN TALKS" SETS STAGE FOR CONSIDERATION GENERAL PRISONER/DETAINEE RELEASE SEPTEMBER 13. WECKMANN AND MARTI ARE REINFORCING DENKTASH/CLERIDES DESIRE MOVE FAST TOWARD AGREEMENT. PRIVATE MEETING CONTINUED SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. CLERIDES, DENKTASH CONTINUED "HUMANITARIAN TALKS" FOR TWO HOURS SEPTEMBER 11. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF ANALYSIS OF RESULTANT COMMUNIQUE, PARTLY BASED ON UNFICYP SOURCES.

3. BROAD AGREEMENT REACHED ON RELEASE (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING) OF CERTAIN PRISONER/DETAINEE CATEGORIES:

(1) ALL UNDER-18 PERSONS SHALL BE RELEASED AT (PRESENT) RESIDENCE OF FAMILIES; OF THESE, PUPILS WHO FIND NO "APPROPRIATE
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SCHOOL" IN LOCAL AREA "SHALL BE GIVEN FACILITIES" MOVE TO WHERE

SUCH SCHOOL OPERATING; (2) ALL UNIVERSITY-ENROLLED STUDENTS (SO CERTIFIED BY ICRC) TO "BE GIVEN FACILITIES TO PROCEED ABROAD TO COMPLETE STUDIES" (THIS COVERS GREEK CYPRIOTS HELD IN TURKEY BUT NOT REPEAT NOT TURK CYPRIOTS NOW IN HAPPY VALLEY/AKROTIRI SBA); (3) ALL TEACHERS SHALL BE ASSIGNED WHEREVER THEIR RESPECTIVE EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES DEEM NECESSARY; (4) ALL SICK AND WOUNDED SHALL BE RELEASED TO HOSPITALS ON "THEIR RESPECTIVE SIDES"; (5) ISOLATED AGED AND INFIRM PERSONS SHALL BE (A) RETURNED TO FAMILIES WHO REQUEST THEM OR (B) GROUPED AND CARED FOR IN DISTRICT CENTERS.

4. COMMUNIQUE ADDS THAT ICRC WILL SUBMIT PLAN FOR GENERAL PRISONER/ DETAINEE RELEASE AT SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING. NOTES THAT DENKTASH AND CLERIDES ALSO CONTINUED "PRIVATE EXCHANGE...ON REFUGEE PROBLEM AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES."

5. MEETING DOMINATES MOST GREEK PRESS SEPTEMBER 12. GENERAL TREATMENT VERY FAVORABLE; EMPHASIS ON IMPENDING RELEASES. SPARSE EDITORIAL COMMENT SO FAR; ONLY FAR-LEFT "TA NEA" (LYSSARIDES' RAG) GROUSES THAT CONTINUED FOCUS ON "HUMANITARIAN TALKS" SERVES CAMPAIGN OF "CYPRUS' ENEMIES" TO KEEP CYPRUS PROBLEM OUT OF UNGA.

6. COMMENT. BOTH PARTIES ARE CONTINUING UPBEAT MOOD OF SEPTEMBER 6 COMMUNIQUE. UNSYG SPECIAL REP WECKMANN AND ICRC REP MARTI HAVE DEFTLY REINFORCED MANIFEST CLERIDES-DENKTASH DETERMINATION TO MOVE QUICKLY. THEIR COMPARTMENTAL APPROACH RE PRISONERS/DETAINEES HAS WHITTLED DOWN SIZE OF OVERALL PROBLEM, PROVIDED HELPFUL MOMENTUM FOR TACKLING MUCH THORNIER REFUGEE QUESTION AS WELL. SEPTEMBER 11 AGREEMENT, WHEN IMPLEMENTED, WILL REINFORCE TREND TOWARD COMMUNAL SEGREGATION INTO TWO ZONES; INDICATIVELY, EVEN UNDER-18 GROUP (WHICH CLERIDES HAD EARLIER INSISTED MUST RETURN TO FAMILY HOMES) HAS ESCAPE CLAUSE RE "APPROPRIATE SCHOOL."

7. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRIVATE MEETING MADE SIGNIFICANT BEGINNING ON SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL ISSUES. CRAWFORD

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